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LETTER DATED 30 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SAUDI ARABIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the pleasure, pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 of Security Council resolution 678 (1990), to transmit herewith the report received from my Government on the progress of operations for the liberation of the State of Kuwait, until this day.

I would be grateful if you would kindly have this communication circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Samir S. SHIHABI
Permanent Representative

Annex

Report dated 30 January 1991 of the Government of Saudi Arabia on the progress of operations for the liberation of the State of Kuwait

In accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Security Council resolution 678 (1990), I should like to inform you of the military operations currently under way for the liberation of Kuwait. These operations, at sea and in the air, are concentrated in particular on weakening the ability of the Iraqi forces to remain in Kuwait and weakening the capacity to support and assist them. Operations between 17 and 27 January 1991 have been as follows.

Military support:

1. The air forces of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have carried out 1,408 sorties against military targets in Iraq and Kuwait, while avoiding civilian targets.

2. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has participated in naval operations. There have been 177 naval sorties, and naval aircraft have carried out 158 sorties in support of naval operations.

3. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has provided five brigades, together with their command and combat support.

4. The air-defence forces of Saudi Arabia have provided two air-defence groups to provide cover to the theatre of operations.

Material support:

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is providing all elements of the armed forces located in the theatre of operations, estimated at 560,000, with food, water, fuel, communications, the buildings needed for accommodation and medical treatment and the facilities and services that they require, in addition to other material support already provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the coalition forces.

Human losses:

The cities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have been bombarded by 26 missiles, which have landed in purely civilian localities of no military value. Eight Saudis were wounded as a result of the explosion of missiles over Damman on 20 January 1991. Twelve persons, two Saudi civilians and the others of various nationalities, were wounded by the explosion of missiles launched against Riyadh on 20 January 1991. Four Saudis were killed and 30 persons wounded, including Saudi civilians and persons of different nationalities, as a result of the explosion of missiles over Riyadh on 25 January 1991.

Material damage:

Material damage resulted from the fall of an explosive device in the Sulaymaniyah quarter of Riyadh on 20 January 1991. Cracks appeared in nearby buildings, windows and doors were broken and damage was caused to a number of homes, buildings, shops and vehicles.

A missile warhead fell on the building of the Civil Status Directorate in Riyadh on 25 January 1991, destroying it, causing cracks to appear in adjacent buildings and destroying 12 vehicles belonging to inhabitants of the quarter.

We must stress that the Iraqi régime bears responsibility for all the suffering of the Iraqi people and the other peoples affected by this war, including the human and material losses, and for the destruction of Iraq's capacities, which it has misused for destruction and aggression instead of putting them to constructive use and promoting good-neighbourliness and which have become a danger to its neighbours instead of being a help and support to its own country and neighbouring countries.

The basic objective of the resort to force, to which there was no alternative for the implementation of the resolutions of the Security Council, continues to be the establishment of a peace that is not vitiated by aggressive intentions and acts of aggression.

I shall provide you with reports on ongoing operations in the war as long as they continue.

(Signed) Samir S. SHIHABI
Permanent Representative